

3rd reading. Rule suspended, read 3rd time and passed.

Mr. Dickson introduced a bill to regulate publication notices in certain cases. Read 1st time, rule suspended, read 2nd time and ordered to be engrossed.

A bill to provide for the defense of the State was read 2nd time, substitute adopted, and passed to 3rd reading. Rule suspended, read 3rd time and passed.

The Committee on Military Affairs reported sundry amendments to the bill to amend the military law, which being discussed, the Senate resolved itself into Committee of the Whole thereon, Mr. Guinn in the chair. After some time spent therein, the Committee rose, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

The Senate then adjourned until 9 o'clock A.M. tomorrow.

Senate Chamber, Tuesday, December 15, 1863
9 o'clock A. M.

Senate met, roll called, quorum present. The journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

The Committee on Public Lands reported with amendments the bill for relief of purchasers of University lands, which was taken up and read 2nd time. Rule suspended, read 3rd time and passed.

The Finance Committee reported a bill to provide for procuring cotton to meet the authorized cotton bonds. Read 1st time, rule suspended, read 2nd time, and passed to 3rd reading. Rule suspended, read 3rd time and passed.

Mr. Jowers introduced a bill supplementary to the act in relation to selling liquors near the town of Dallas. Read 1st, 2nd, and 3rd times on suspension of rule and passed.

The bill to donate the state and county taxes of Galveston to that county for the relief of indigent families was laid on the table. Afterwards it was taken up, read 3rd time and passed.

The House reported a substitute for Senate bill to create a Board of Public Works and Supplies, which was adopted, and read 1st, 2nd, and 3rd times and passed.

A bill appropriating money to defray the expenses of defending the frontier for 1864 and 1865 was read 1st, 2nd and 3rd times and passed.

A bill to amend the act organizing the state troops was read 3rd time and passed.

A bill to incorporate the Trinity Manufacturing Company was read 3rd time and passed.

A bill to regulate estrays in certain counties was read 3rd time and passed.

A bill to incorporate the Washington County Iron Company was read 3rd time and passed.

A Joint Committee on Military Board made a report which was withdrawn in order to submit it to the House of Representatives.

A bill to regulate publication notices in certain cases was read 3rd time and passed.

A bill to amend the act to regulate the sale of beef cattle was read 3rd time and passed.

A bill for the relief of Milton M. Justice was read 3rd time and passed.

A joint resolution endorsing the ability of President Davis was read 3rd time and passed.

The report of the Committee of the Whole recommending that a bill to incorporate the Powder Horn Dredging company do not pass was adopted.

A joint resolution accepting two pieces of artillery captured by Colonel John R. Baylor in Arizona was passed.

Mr. Davis introduced a joint resolution authorizing the Military Board to issue percussion caps to the members of the Legislature was read 1st, 2nd and 3rd times on suspension of rules and passed.

A bill to prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquor within ten miles of the town of Huntsville was read 1st, 2nd, and 3rd times and passed.

A bill to incorporate the Sons of the South was read 3rd time and passed.

A bill for relief of the heirs of Joseph Shepherd was read 3rd time and passed.

A bill supplemental to the act to provide for protection of the frontier was read 3rd time and passed.

A joint resolution to the purchase of cotton by John S. Besser, Financial Agent of the Penitentiary, was laid on table.

A bill to amend an act to incorporate the Dallas Bridge Company was read 3rd time and passed.

A bill for the relief of Thomas G. McGehee was read 3rd time and passed.

The Senate then adjourned until 9 o'clock A. M. tomorrow.

Senate Chamber, Wednesday, December 16, 1863
9 o'clock A. M.

Senate met, roll called, quorum present. The journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

A joint resolution in relation to public printing was read 3rd time and passed.

A bill to prescribe the punishment for encouraging desertion was read 3rd time and passed.

A joint resolution in relation to the currency was passed.

A bill to amend Articles 412 and 418 of the Penal Code from House, was read 1st, 2nd and 3rd times on suspension of the rules and passed.

The general appropriation bill was considered, amended and passed.

Mr. Dickson offered a resolution of thanks to the President of the Senate which was unanimously adopted.

A bill to amend an act to provide for the erection and support of the Lunatic Assylum was read 3rd time and passed.

Mr. Jowers offered a resolution of thanks to the officers of the Senate which was unanimously adopted.

The Committee on Enrolled Bills reported a close of the labors.

Messrs. Burney, Dickson and Moore of Bastrop were appointed a committee to inform the House of the readiness of the Senate to adjourn *sine die*, who performed that duty, and announced the readiness of the House to do likewise. Whereupon the Senate adjourned *sine die*.